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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the office action mailed October 17, 2002 having a one month period for response which expires on November 18, 2002 (since November 17, 2002 falls on a Sunday).

## **Election/Restriction Requirements**

Applicant provisionally elects with traverse to prosecute Group I; namely, claims 1-8 and 10. It is understood that claim 9, directed to the method of using the compounds of claims 1-8 to treat RSV infection, can be included with commensurate scope at a later time during prosecution after allowable subject matter is found.

Regarding election of a species, this is compound example 188 on page 199 of the specification.

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